Backlog vacancies

3636. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under his Ministry;

(b) whether Special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) There is no backlog of vacancies in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as on 31st March, 2004.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

(d) There is no backlog of vacancies in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports as on 31st March, 2006.

Funds for development of sports in NER

3637. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals from the North-Eastern States for funds for the development of sports during the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-06;

(b) the names of projects and the amount required as well as sanctioned or to be sanctioned, State-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government are going to provide special financial support to the N-E States as the North-Eastern Region is having great sports potential;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was

supplementing the efforts of the State Government in this direction by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government including those from the North Eastern States. Government decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to the State sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructrue projects including sports complexes in NER will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. However, the Planning Commission has indicated that funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the X Plan.

The details of grants released under the Scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" in respect of the ongoing Sports Infrastructure projects of NE States during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) to (e) 'Sports' is a State subject and the promotion of Sports among youth in the States, including the North Eastern Region, is the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Government of India implements the following schemes through the Sports Authority of India for promotion of sports:

1. All India Rural Sports Tournament
2. National Sports Festival for Women
3. North East Sports Festival (North Eastern States only)
4. Promotion of Sports & Games in Schools
5. Sports Scholarship Scheme.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) through their schemes *viz.* National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Indigenous Games & Martial Arts, Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC), Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Centre (STC), Centre of Excellent (COX) augments the efforts of the State Government including North Eastern Region, in the promotion of sports for improving sports performance at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior levels.

SAI has taken initiatives for the promotion of sports in the North Eastern Region by establishing a Regional Centre at Imphal and a Sub-

Centre at Guwahati. Taking into consideration the genetic advantage of the population, contact Sports Centres have been established in Imphal and Aizwal for games like Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Karate and Taekwando. Talent is also scouted in Archery from these States and talented youngsters are trained for achieving excellence.

Statement

State-wise details of projects for which funds have been released for development of sports in NER

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Amounts released
	2004-05	
Assam		
1.	Construction of Distt. Level Sports Complex at Sonari, Distt. Sibsagar	30.00
2.	Construction of Distt. Sports Complex at Halflong, Distt. N.C. Hills	42.08
3.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. Ill at Hailakandi	15.00
4.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. Ill at Kolongpur, Distt Nagaon	13.00
5.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. II at Chaygaon, Distt. Kamrup	30.00
6.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. II at Nazira, Distt. Sibsagar	20.00
7.	Construction of Outdoor Stadium, Cat. I at Umrangshu, Distt. N.C. Hills	27.00
8.	Construction of State Level Sports Complex at Guwahati	11.01
Arunachal Pradesh		
9.	Construction of Distt. Level Sports Complex at Dirang, Distt West Kameng	27.00
Manipur		
10.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. Ill at Thoubal by Thoubal Distt. Table Tennis Association, Thoubal	3.00
11.	Construction of Tennis Court at Lamphelpart by Manipur Tennis Association	1.50

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of the Projects	Amounts released
12.	Construction of Swimming Pool, Cat. II at Terakhong, distt. Btshnupur	18.00
Meghalaya		
13.	Construction of Distt. Sports Complex at Smit, Distt. East Khasi Hills	26.93
14.	Construction of State Sport:- Complex at Shillong	82.50
15.	Construction of Distt. Level Sports Complex at Jowai. Jaintia Hills Distt.	41.90
16.	Construction of Distt Sports Complex at Nongstain, Distt. West Khasi Hills	41.90
17	Construction of Distt. Sports Complex at Umbuda Nongpoh. Distt Ribhoi	41.32
Mizoram		
18	Construction of Indoor Stadium at Ramhiun, Distt. Aizawl	30.00
Nagaland		
19.	Construction of Playfield at Nakshou, Tuensang Distt.	0.25
20.	Construction of Playfield at Kaumpung, Tuensang Distt.	0.25
21	Construction of Playfield at Ngongcheng, Tuensang Distt.	0.19
22	Construction of Playfield at Longra, Tuensang Distt.	0.25
23.	Construction of Playfield Pumbak. Tuensang Distt.	0.25
24.	Construction of Playfield at Noksan, Tuensang Distt.	0.25
25.	Construction of Playfield at Sangehan, Tuensang Distt.	0.04
26.	Construction of Swimming Pool, Cat. i at Dimapur by Expression Voluntary Organisation, Dimapur	36.50
27.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. II at Nagarjan by Nagaland Tennis Association, Dimapur	27.50
28.	Construction of Outdoor Stadium. Cat. 1 at Chen, Distt. Mon by Chen Wankhen Dev. Society	13.00

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the Projects	Amounts released
29	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. II at Chen by Veda Sporting Club, Mon.	27.50
30.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. Ill by Rhino Club 2005-06	10.00
Assam		
1.	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. Ill at Kolongpur, Distt. Nagaon.	7.00
Arunachal Pradesh		
2.	Construction of Distt. Sports Complex at Yupia, Distt. Papumpare.	71.00
Mizoram		
3.	Construction of State Level Sports Complex Aizawl	59.59
Nagaland		
4.	Construction of Swimming Pool, Cat. I at Dimapur by Nagaland Youth Gymnastic Centre.	45.00

Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga

3638. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) to (c) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Government for creation of sports facilities, including swimming pools, by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. With effect from 1.4.2005, the Sports Infrastructure Schemes were transferred to the State sector. Thus, fresh cases of Sports